

SENATE RESOLUTION 163
By Kilby

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Ashley Monique Gipson,
2004 Valedictorian of Midway High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Ashley Monique Gipson is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2004 graduating class at Midway High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ashley Gipson has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Miss Gipson has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; she is also President of the Beta Club and a member of the National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Ashley is listed in the faculty *Who's Who* and *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; she was a participant at the All-Star National Young Leaders Conference, a recipient of Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, was named Most Dependable, participated as a cheerleader, and was chosen as a Girls' State Delegate; and

WHEREAS, Miss Gipson has demonstrated a wide variety of interests as a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the French Club, the Prom Committee and Student Council; and

WHEREAS, Ashley is highly involved in her community, serving as a volunteer with Operation Reach, a Team Captain for Relay for Life, a Partner with Special Olympics, and a participant in the Light the Night Walk; and

WHEREAS, Ashley Gipson's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Miss Gipson's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Porter and Daphne Gipson, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ashley Monique Gipson's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend and honor 2004 Midway High School Valedictorian, Ashley Monique Gipson, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.